

Customs & Border Protection (CBP): Securing America's Borders

Do you desire to protect American interests and secure our Nation while building a meaningful and rewarding career? If so, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is calling. DHS components work collectively to prevent terrorism, secure borders, enforce and administer immigration laws, safeguard cyberspace and ensure resiliency to disasters. The vitality and magnitude of this mission is achieved by a diverse workforce spanning hundreds of occupations. Make an impact; join DHS.

Discover a challenging and rewarding career in CBP, the sole organization responsible for securing the nation's borders. At U.S. Customs and Border Protection, we:

- Screen passengers, vehicles, and shipments entering our country
- Seize illegal narcotics, vehicles, and agricultural products
- Prevent unauthorized entry into the country
- Rescue individuals who fall into dangerous conditions traversing our border

For more information about CBP's mission, activities, and careers, please see <http://www.cbp.gov>.

Joining the Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations will allow you to use your expertise to detect and prevent terrorists and instruments of terror from entering the U.S. This position starts at a salary of \$90,802.00 (GS-13 Step 01). Apply for this exciting opportunity to strengthen homeland security by performing law enforcement activities such as inspection, intelligence analysis, examination, and interpreting laws and regulations.

This position will be filled on a temporary basis not-to-exceed two years with possible extensions for an additional three years (in one year increments). No later than the end of the fifth year of this temporary promotion/reassignment, a decision will be made by management to determine whether 1) the incumbent will return to the same or similar position and the previous grade held prior to this temporary promotion/reassignment; or 2) the incumbent will be permanently promoted/reassigned without further competition. If management grants the incumbent permanent status, the option for management to return the employee to the same or similar position will no longer be available as stated in option 1.

Who May Apply: Current U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees with competitive status within the local commuting area. The local commuting area is defined as the area surrounding the duty station by which people reasonably travel back and forth from home to work.

- For definitions of terms found in this announcement, please see http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1303762131481.shtm.

Organizational Location: This position is located within U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, San Diego Field Office, Border Security Division, San Diego, CA.

One or more selections may be made using this job opportunity announcement.

Travel Required: 25% or Greater

Travel Description: You will be required to travel frequently.

Relocation Authorized: No

You must be a U.S. Citizen to apply for this position
You may be required to pass a background investigation and/or polygraph
Males born after 12/31/1959 must be registered with Selective Service
Primary U.S. residency for the last three years (see "Other Information")
You may be required to pass initial and random drug testing
You must pass the CBP Officer Promotional Assessment (including in-basket)
You must possess a valid driver's license and meet firearms requirements

In this position you will become a key member of a team of homeland security professionals detecting and preventing terrorists and instruments of terror from entering the U.S. Typical work assignments include:

- Serve as an Intelligence Officer to conduct post seizure analysis
- Collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate intelligence information
- Maximize computer research, through multiple sources, and create valid links to other targets of interest
- Collect raw data on terrorism, smuggling, and other criminal activity from a variety of sources
- Evaluate data to determine reliability and verifiable involvement in criminal activities
- Create intelligence reports, briefings and assess primary threats and targets for the San Diego Field Office area ports
- Liaison with Homeland Security Investigations, Border Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration, and state and local authorities to further efforts to identify and thwart criminal activity

GS-13: You qualify at the GS-13 level if you possess one (1) year of specialized experience including leading, directing, supervising, or providing technical direction to others in performing inspection, intelligence analysis, examination, and law enforcement activities relating to the arrival and departure of persons, conveyances, and merchandise into the United States.

Secondary CBPO Enhanced Retirement Requirement: The criterion is that knowledge, skill and ability in a position deemed to meet primary CBPO special retirement coverage is a mandatory prerequisite to satisfactory perform the major duties and responsibilities of this job In order to meet the requirements of this secondary CBP Officer position you must have permanently served in a primary CBP Officer Special Enhanced Retirement covered position, i.e. Customs Inspector, GS-1890, Immigration Inspector, GS-1816, Canine Enforcement Officer, GS-1801, or CBP Officer, GS-1895.

Note: If you currently serve in a permanent Secondary CBPO Enhanced Retirement covered position, you are exempt from this mandatory prerequisite.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

You must:

- Meet all qualification requirements, subject to verification at any stage of the application process; and
- Meet all applicable Time in Grade requirements (current Federal employees must have served 52 weeks at the next lower grade or equivalent grade band in the Federal service) by Wednesday, September 02, 2015.

Promotion Eligibility Directive: Effective October 1, 2013, Journey-level GS-1895 CBP Officers who competed for and served one year in a NTE non-supervisory GS-1895-13 are now eligible to compete for a

permanent non-supervisory GS-1895-13 position. The time spent in this position does not fulfill the one year requirement as a GS-13 first line Supervisory Officer to compete for a GS-13 second line Supervisor. Please see the Promotion Eligibility Directive diagram on CBP.net for more information.

Firearms Requirement: You will be required to carry a firearm and maintain firearm proficiency. Any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence cannot lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition. You will be required to certify whether you have ever been convicted of such an offense. False or fraudulent information is criminally punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Motor Vehicle Operation: You must possess a current valid State driver's license at the time of appointment.

Uniform: This position requires you to wear an officially-approved uniform while in a duty status.

Data Systems: You will be required to maintain access to all data systems necessary for duty execution.

Travel: You will be required to travel frequently.

Foreign Language: Foreign language proficiency may be required in some locations.

Shift Work/Overtime: You may be required to work on a shift and rotational basis and perform substantial amounts of overtime.

Basic Training: You may be required to attend approximately 18 weeks of training at the Federal Law Enforcement Academy (FLETC). Candidates selected for certain duty locations may receive an additional 6 weeks of Spanish language training.

If you are not a current GS-1895, and you are selected, you will have to meet the following medical/physical standards:

Physical and Medical Requirements: Because the duties of the position are of a strenuous nature and require a high degree of interaction and responsibility to the public, you must undergo and successfully pass our medical screening process. We will schedule, provide and pay for the required basic medical examination. For more information, go to http://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cbpo_drug_test_3.pdf

Physical Fitness Screening: Due to the strenuous nature of the CBP Officer duties and the associated training programs, fitness tests have been developed and will be used to screen candidates for CBP Officer positions. Candidates will be required to pass 2 pre-employment fitness tests. For more information, go to: <http://www.cbp.gov/careers/join-cbp/which-cbp-career/cbp-officer>

Physical and Environmental Conditions: The work environment includes offices, aircraft operation areas, airline passenger and cargo areas, and marine docks. Periods of outdoor work may be required in snow, rain, or extreme heat. Occasional periods of outdoor work may be required in remote areas with no modern comfort facilities. The work may involve the use of toxic chemicals, pesticides and fumigants. Protective clothing may be required such as hard hats, gloves, goggles, hearing protection, and respirators.

Qualified U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) candidates will be ranked on the basis of the scores received on your CBP Officer Promotional Assessment. Competitive applicants must have a valid test score when the announcement opens, or we cannot consider you for this position. Alternate Staffing (Non-Competitive) Candidates need not have a current, valid test score. Alternate Staffing (Non-Competitive) candidates include applicants who have permanently held a position at the highest grade announced or higher.

Your application record will remain in a pending status until after the announcement closes, at which time we will upload test scores. If you have completed the assessment questionnaire and have uploaded all required documents for this announcement, there is nothing further you need to do at this time.

If you are best qualified, you may be referred to the hiring manager for consideration and may be called for an interview. To preview the job questionnaire, see [View Occupational Questionnaire](#).

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics (KSAOs):

Candidates who meet the minimum qualification requirements are required to possess certain Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, or Other Characteristics (KSAOs) to successfully perform the functions of this position. Candidates will be asked to demonstrate their attainment of these KSAOs in their resume. The KSAOs are:

- Knowledge of program related legislation and regulation and extensive knowledge of inspection and investigative techniques
- Ability to effectively apply behavioral and cultural analysis and decision making skills in order to perform risk assessments
- Ability to collect and analyze information from a wide variety of sources

Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) eligibility: If you have never worked for the federal government, you are not CTAP eligible. Information about CTAP eligibility is on the OPM's Career Transition Resources website at: http://www.opm.gov/Reduction_In_Force/employee_resources/ctap/Employee-Guideline_CTAP.asp#3a. To be considered well qualified under CTAP, you must be rated at a minimum score of 85 for this position. In addition, you must submit the supporting documents listed in the "Required Documents" section of this announcement.

To begin your online application, click "**Apply Online**" to create a USAJOBS account and follow the prompts or log in to your existing account. Your application packet must include a completed assessment questionnaire, a resume, and any applicable and/or required supporting documentation. Please see the "Required Documents" section below for additional information. All application materials, including transcripts, must be in English.

We strongly encourage you to apply online. If you cannot apply online, you may fax your resume, assessment questionnaire, and supporting documents to **(478) 757-3144**. You must print a copy of and document your responses to the assessment questionnaire [View Occupational Questionnaire](#) using OPM Form 1203-FX http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/OPM1203fx.pdf, and the official fax cover sheet: <http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascover.pdf>. Please include job opportunity announcement ID 1478191 and provide your SSN, name, and address using the exact name you used when you filled out the questionnaire. If you have uploaded documents into your application, you do not need to fax those same documents.

Applications and supporting documentation will not be accepted by mail or email. The address below is for inquiries only. You may apply more than once, but the most recent application is the only one that will be used. **You must submit your resume, your online questionnaire, and any supporting documents by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 02, 2015.**

- **Your resume:** A resume describing your job-related qualifications is required and will be used for the purpose of reviewing your qualifications and determining what training, if any, would be required when placed. Your resume must be in English and must include your job titles and a detailed description of your duties and the dates you performed them (MM/DD/YY), as well as your hours per week for each

position listed. Your resume should also contain your full name, address, phone number, email address, and salary. NOTE: Resumes stored on USAJOBS will not automatically carry over to this announcement. You must upload or fax your resume and any other applicable supporting documentation.

- **Your responses to the job questionnaire** [View Occupational Questionnaire](#)
- **Are you claiming special priority selection rights under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)?** You must submit a separation notice; your most recent SF-50B (noting your current position, grade level and duty location); a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent; an agency certification that you cannot be placed after injury compensation has been terminated; an OPM notification that your disability annuity has been terminated; or a Military Department of National Guard Bureau notification that you are retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.
- ***Veterans preference points are not applicable to Merit Promotion announcements.***
- You may be asked to provide a copy of your recent performance appraisal and/or incentive awards. Consideration will be given to performance appraisals and incentive awards as an indication of quality prior experience, no points will be assigned.

It is your responsibility to verify that any information entered, uploaded, or faxed is received and is accurate. Human Resources will not modify or change any part of your application. If a document is not legible, you will not be able to view it in your application and you must again upload or fax it by the closing date.

Once the job opportunity announcement has closed, we will assess your experience and training, identify the best qualified applicants, and refer those applications to the hiring manager for further consideration and interviews. You will be notified by email after each of these steps has been completed. Stay informed of changes to your application status by signing up for automatic email alerts at: <https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/NotificationSettings.aspx>. If you are referred, you will receive a final notification of the disposition of the announcement. We expect to make a tentative job offer within 60 days after the close of the announcement. If you are selected, we may conduct a suitability/security background investigation.

DHS offers competitive starting salaries and an attractive benefits package, including: health, vision, dental, life and long-term care insurance, Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k)), Flexible Spending Account, retirement plan, Employee Assistance Program, personal leave days and paid federal holidays. Other benefits may include: flexible work schedules, telework, tuition reimbursement, transportation subsidies, uniform allowance, health and wellness programs, and fitness centers. DHS is committed to employee development and offers a variety of employee training and development opportunities. For more information, please go to www.dhs.gov/careers and select "Benefits".

Relocation expenses **will not** be paid. To compare cost of living data, calculate mortgage scenarios, or gather information on communities and school districts, please visit the website: <http://www.relocationessentials.com/aff/lifecare/tools/salary/col.aspx>

You will retain your current retirement coverage while on this temporary position.

This position is not covered under the bargaining unit.

Background Investigation: Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is a federal law enforcement agency that requires all applicants to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to employment in order to promote the agency's core values of vigilance, service to country and integrity. During the screening and/or background investigation process, you will be asked questions regarding any felony criminal convictions or current felony charges, the use of illegal drugs (i.e., marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD, methamphetamines, ecstasy) and the use of non-prescribed controlled substances including any experimentation, possession, sale, receipt, manufacture, cultivation, production, transfer, shipping, trafficking, or distribution of controlled substances. Entry into this position may require that you successfully pass a polygraph examination. For more information, please see: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/apply/mandatory_back_invest.xml.

Probationary Period: Current and former federal employees may be required to serve or complete a probationary period.

CBP uses E-Verify, an internet-based system, to confirm the eligibility of all newly hired employees to work in the United States. Learn more about E-Verify here, <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>, including your rights and responsibilities.

Every individual receives a fair opportunity throughout the Federal recruitment and hiring process. To learn more, click on the link https://hru.gov/Studio_Recruitment/tools/Mythbuster_on_Federal_Hiring_Policies.pdf

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